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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 1517

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON LABOR STANDARDS

REF: STATE 136706

1. THERE FOLLOWS INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THIS  
SUBJECT KEYED TO PARA 3 REFTEL:

A) LAW: THE 1975 CONSTITUTION CALLS FOR  
ERADICATION OF EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN  
(ARTICLE 20). ARTICLE 27 STATES THAT DURATION AND  
CONDITIONS OF WORK MUST NOT HARM EITHER THE  
HEALTH OR THE DIGNITY OF WORKERS. PRACTICE: THERE  
IS NO SLAVE, INDENTURED, OR OTHER FORCED LABOR, TO  
OUR KNOWLEDGE EXCEPT FOR PRISONERS CONDEMNED TO  
HARD LABOR.

B) LAW: THE LABOR CODE SETS A MINIMUM AGE OF 14  
FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN AND A VARIETY OF  
CONDITIONS TO BE RESPECTED IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF  
CHILDREN BETWEEN 14 AND 18 CONCERNING SUCH FACTORS  
AS HOLIDAYS, TIME AND WEIGHT LIMITS, FORBIDDEN  
EQUIPMENT (CIRCULAR SAWS, VEHICLES IN MOTION), ETC.  
PRACTICE: THE CODE IS REPORTEDLY GENERALLY

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RESPECTED EXCEPT FOR THE VANILLA AND COFFEE HARVESTS  
WHEN YOUNG CHILDREN ARE TRADITIONALLY CALLED UPON TO  
ASSIST.

C) LAW: THE LABOR CODE ESTABLISHES A VARIETY OF  
SAFETY STANDARDS. REGARDING TOXIC SUBSTANCES THE  
MAIN REQUIREMENT IS THAT THERE BE AT LEAST ONE SHOWER  
FOR EVERY EIGHT WORKMEN IN ENTERPRISES DEALING IN

SUCH SUBSTANCES. PRACTICE: THE CODE IS GENERALLY WELL OBSERVED.

D) THERE ARE NO DIFFERENTIAL LABOR REGULATIONS OR STANDARDS APPLYING TO EXPORT INDUSTRIES OR IMPORT SUBSTITUTION INDUSTRIES, EXCEPT FOR TRADITIONAL BUT TECHNICALLY ILLEGAL USE OF CHILD LABOR FOR HARVESTING VANILLA AND COFFEE REFERRED TO ABOVE.

2. EMBASSY HOPES THAT THIS SUMMARY INFORMATION WILL BE SUFFICIENT IN VIEW OF FACT MALAGASY EXPORTS TO THE U.S. CONSIST ALMOST ENTIRELY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, RAW MINERALS, AND ESSENTIAL OILS. GREATER DETAILS WILL BE SUBMITTED UPON SPECIFIC REQUEST.BARRETT

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